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IMPORTANT MEETING HELD LAST SUNDAY

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Special to THE FREEMAN.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 17.—Every indication points that the city of Chicago will be one of headquarters for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This was evidenced by a meeting Sunday night at the Hull House of some of the most representative citizens, colored and white, in the "Windy City."

Miss Jane Adams presided at the meeting and among those present were Dr. Charles Bentley, Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsey Davis, Dr. A. W. Williams, Mr. Robert Mc. Murtry, Judge Brown, Miss Overton, of New York City; Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett, Mr. Nathan Caldwell, Rev. A. J. Carey, Miss Garnetta Tibbs and several others.

Objects of Association.

The object of the meeting was to invite the National Association to Chicago, an organization composed of all races and classes who believe that all the present widespread increase of prejudice against colored races and particularly the denial of rights and opportunities of ten million American of Negro descent is not only unjust and a menace to our free institutions, but also is a direct hinderance to world peace and the realization of human brotherhood."

Julius Rosenwald Interested.

As a result of the meeting, it was almost decided to have a monster meeting in the city of Chicago, with Dr. Schuman, Prof. DuBois, Rev. Reverdy Ramson, Dr. Archibald Grimke as speakers. Mr. Julius Rosenwald, the millionaire, is said to be interested in the organization and will subscribe to the publicity efforts in educating the public and creating sentiment along the lines of the object of the organization.

Villard Speaks.

Wednesday night of last week, Mr. Oscar Garrison Villard, editor of the New York Evening Post and grandson of William Lloyd Garrison, spoke at Handel hall. He spoke of the number of lynchings of the Negro and its disgrace to American civilization. He urged that progressiveness should take the place of passiveness and that a movement for betterment of conditions should be launched all over the country.

Mr. Villard's speech brought from the pen of Mr. H. H. Kohlsaat, editor of the Chicago Daily Recvord Herald, the following editorial:

Aid and Protection for eNgroes.

Oswald Garrison Villard, publisher of the New York Evening Post, grandson of the great abolitionist, Garrison paid a visit to Chicago and delivered two sincere and powerful addresses on the Negro problem in its various phases. He explained the objects and methods of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, and urged the establishment of an active branch in Chicago.

To hear Mr. Villard was to sympathize with him and indorse his poition fully. The association stands primarily for truth and knowledge, for simple justice to the colored population, for defense and protection against lynshing and outrage. The association renders legal aid to poor or threatened Negroes; it investigates and gives the public the real facts in cases of actual or supposed Negro crime; it enforces the law or sees that the authorities enforce it. It also hope sto aid the Negro trade schools and advance the industrial and moral interests of the race.

There is not a city of any size in the country which does not need a branch of this association. The branches should have their legal aid features and should be liberally supported by men and women who really believe in the principles of the American Republic. It cannot be doubted that such activities and education as the association is carrying on will in the course of time change the whole atmosphere in the communities where the Negro cannot obtain elementary justice or due process of law.

Dr. C. E. Bentley, of this city, who is a member of the executive committee of the national body, and when seen by a representative of The Freeman, said: "I am very proud of the advances being made by the association. It indicates that we are going to have a strong and effective organization in this city. It means the dissemination of literature; the holding of mass meetings, publicity work and the investigation of complaint against the Negro in all sections. The fact that Miss Jane Adams and Mr. Julius Rosenwald are interested in the association means much to us."

Miss Mary White Owington has been at the Hull House for several weeks and during her stay has spoken at the Fred Douglass Center and Bethesda Baptist churches. She is the official secretary and stated that the recent outrages at Coatesville and Georgai will be taken up for prosecution.

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